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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A three-dimensional warp-knitted fabric comprising:
front and back ground structures; and [a]
connecting yarns for connecting the front and back ground structures,
the front and back ground structures having different numbers of loops so that
the number of loops of either the front or back ground structure is smaller than the
number of loops in the other ground structure,
~~wherein one ground structure and the other ground structure are knitted with
different number of knitting needles, so that intervals between loops in either the
front or back ground structure with the reduced number of loops are broadened as
against the other ground structure, and so that~~ [wherein] the number of loops in the
ground structure having a smaller number of loops is 30 to 75% of the number of
loops in the ground structure having a larger number of loops.
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A three-dimensional warp-knitted fabric according
to Claim 1, wherein the ground structure having a larger number of loops is plain-

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stitch knitted and the ground structure on the side having a smaller number of loops is knitted in a pattern of a meshwork.

4. (Currently Amended) A three-dimensional warp-knitted fabric according to Claim 1 or [to] 3, wherein the per-area weight of the ground structure having the smaller number of loops is 60% to 150% that of the ground structure having the larger number of loops.